- Claims 1 Claim 1. A computer-implemented prescription management 2 system for use by a prescriber in creating a prescription at 3 a point of patient care, said prescription being usable by a 4 pharmacist to dispense drugs, said prescription management 5 system comprising: 6 a) electronic posting means to select and capture in said 7 prescription: 8 i) a patient identifier; 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 ii) a prescribed drug; iii) a dosage for said prescribed drug; and iv) a patient condition/intended by said prescriber to be treated by said/prescribed drug; and b) a displayable library of prescribable drugs; and c) displayable patient drug formulary information to indicate to said prescriber-user selected ones of said prescribable drugs included within a drug formulary 17 associated with said patient to enable compliance with drug 18 formulary guidelines at the point-of-care. 19 20 Claim 2. A prescription management system according to 21 Claim 1 having means to track preferred data usage by a user 22 and to adapt data/displays to favor such preferred usage, 23 24 whereby the system learns and adapts to a user's habits. 25 26
 - A prescription management system according to Claim 3.

- 1 Claim 2 wherein at least one said pref/erred usage data
- 2 display comprises a personal-preference condition-selection
- 3 list for each system user.

- 5 Claim 4. A prescription management system according to
- 6 Claim 2 wherein at least one said/preferred usage data
- 7 display comprises a personal-preference drug-selection list
- 8 for each system user.

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- 10 Claim 5. A prescription management system according to
- 11 Claim 1 further comprising a patient history record
- 12 displayed online, said patient history record listing
- 13 electronically available prior prescriptions, said prior
- 14 prescriptions each including a prescribed drug and a
- 15 condition treatment objective for each drug prescribed,
- 16 system-created prescriptions being system-added to said
- 17 history record.

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- 19 Claim 6. A prescript on management system according to
- 20 Claim 5 comprising a/patient condition list for selection of
- 21 a patient condition for posting to said prescription, said
- 22 patient condition \(\int \) ist comprising patient conditions listed
- 23 in said patient history record.

- 25 Claim 7. A prescription management system according to
- 26 Claim 1 compr/sing a source-oriented data-retrieval

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       subsystem, said data retrieval subsystem accessing at least
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       one data-retrieval networks to supply /an array of up-to-date
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       prescribing information and patient-related data to the
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       point-of-care from remote source databases.
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       Claim 8. A prescription management system according to
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       Claim 7 wherein said data-retrieva subsystem is linked to
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       the prescription management system to provide allergy and
       interaction alerts, formulary changes, new drug approvals,
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      and to lock out or warn against,/ the prescribing of
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       inappropriate or recalled drugs
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      Claim 9. A prescription management system according to
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      Claim 1 wherein said patient history record is dynamically
      assembled online in response to a user request from multiple
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      source record elements retrieved from multiple heterogenous
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      remote databases.
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                 A prescription management system according to
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      Claim 9 implemented on a user interface device configured
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      for networked digital communication with a host computer
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      facility, wherein said/patient history record is retrieved
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      as said record elements from said remote databases by said
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      host computer facility in response to a call from said user
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      device said remote source databases being selected and
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identified according to said patient's prior geographical

3 Claim 11. A prescription management system according to

4 Claim 5 wherein said patient history record is a virtual

5 patient record newly assembled online in response to each

6 user request for said record thereby to be current with

7 regard to possible rempte updates of said source record

8 elements.

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Claim 12. A prescription management system according to

11 Claim 11 wherein said host computer facility logs the time,

date and user calling for said/virtual patient record to

provide an audit trail of access to said patient's record,

or a provider's or organization's data.

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Claim 13. A prescription management system according to

Claim 11 deployed comprehensively throughout a geographical

area, demographic, company, plan or community group whereby

all drug prescriptions created in said area are products of

20 said system and wherein all said drug prescriptions are

21 posted to source databases accessible to said system whereby

22 a complete patient history record of all drug prescriptions

23 created for said patient in said geographical area,

24 demographic, company, plan or community group can be listed

in said dynamically assembled virtual patient record.

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Claim 14. A prescription management system acoording to

Claim 1 wherein said drugs in said drug list are classified

according to a patient condition for which said drugs have

efficacy and said prescription management system further

5 comprises a patient-condition specification procedure for

6 selecting said condition from groups/of possible conditions

7 and an onscreen drug selection procedure for selecting said

8 prescribed drug from said library/ listing multiple drugs

9 for treating each said patient problem.

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Claim 15. A prescription maragement system according to

12 Claim 1 wherein said patient drug formulary display means

13 comprises a condition-driven formulary drug list, and a

14 condition-driven nonformylary drug list, said drug lists

being changeable according to the patient selected.

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17 Claim 16. A prescription management system according to

18 Claim 15 wherein said system provides drug efficacy

19 guidelines based on patient information and formulary

20 information.

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22 Claim 17. A prescription management system according to

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24 wherein said prescriber-user's personal-preference list of

25 drugs displayed with formulary drugs indicated.

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Claim 18. A prescription management system according to
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       Claim 1 including relative cost information for displayed
       formulary drugs.
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       Claim 19. A prescription management system according to
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       Claim 1 wherein said drug formulary is generated by a
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       prescription benefits management company by providing
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       computer access to remote databases containing said drug
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       formulary information whereby appropriate formulary drugs
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       are presented to said user on screen on a user interface
       device deployable at said point-of-care, to facilitate
       compliance with drug formulary guidelines at said point-of-
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       care.
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       Claim 20. A prescription management system according to
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       wherein prescribability of a drug pursuant to formulary
       guidelines is formular/y-qualified according to said patient
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       condition.
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                  A prescription management system according to
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       Claim 21.
       Claim 1 comprising/built-in logic for accessing drug
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       formulary information from multiple drug formulary providers
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       wherein said drug formulary list is selected from said
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       multiple available drug formularies according to said
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patient identification, said patient having a prior

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- arrangement with said drug formular provider to provide 1 prescription-related benefits to that patient, said drug 2 formulary list information being dynamically presented to 3 4 said prescriber-user in the form of at least one selection of patient-specific formularies from which a formulary 5 6 status indication relevant to a/patient therapy-related choice made by said prescriber fuser is made. 7 8 A prescription management system according to 9 Claim 21 comprising network / data communication means to update and maintain said multiple available formularies from remote source databases of formulary information. 14 Claim 23. A prescription management system according to Claim 1 wherein comprising means to categorize and display 15 16 said patient conditions categorized into multiple lists, said lists being selected from the group consisting of a 17 personal condition list of conditions encountered by the 18 19 prescriber, a historical condition list of conditions exhibited by the patient, one or more prescriber-customized 20 21 condition lists, a body system condition list, conditions 22 organized according to disease pathology, therapy, personal knowledge and others. 23 24
- 25 A prescription management system according to 26 Claim 23 wherein drug selection is condition driven and said

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25 A prescription management system according to Claim 28.

Claim 1 comprising a prescription expiration routine 26

- including dosing, amount and expiration drug quantifiers and system calculation of a relationship between said drug
- 3 quantifiers where said system provides default values for
- 4 unspecified ones of said drug quantifiers in response to
- 5 user selection of one or more of said drug quantifiers and
- 6 optionally patient history information, formulary
- 7 information indicating preferred drug lists for treatment.

- 9 Claim 29. A prescription management system according to
- 10 Claim 2 comprising a patient data access control subsystem
- 11 including data access contro/ specification means enabling a
- 12 patient to authorize a user to access said patient's history
- data and comprising data access control means whereby only
- 14 an authorized user can access said patient's data.

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- 16 Claim 30. A prescription management system according to
- 17 Claim 29 comprising a patient data access auditor; said
- 18 patient data access auditor generating an access record
- 19 logging information as to the time date and identity of
- 20 entities accessing said patient history data, to provide a
- 21 patient data access audit trail and optionally further
- 22 comprising similar access audit means for generating an
- 23 access record logging similar information regarding access
- 24 to a prescriber' or organization's data.

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26 Claim 31. A prescription management system according to

- 1 Claim 35. A prescription management system according to
- 2 Claim 20 comprising a user data access/auditor, said user
- 3 data access auditor generating an access record logging
- 4 information as to the time date and #dentity of third
- 5 parties accessing said user history/data, to provide a user
- 6 data access audit trail.

- 8 Claim 36. A prescription management system according to
- 9 Claim 1 comprising organization/generated source data
- 10 retrievable for display in said prescription-management
- 11 system from at least one remote database an organization-
- 12 directed data-access control/subsystem including data-access
- 13 control specification means/enabling an organization to
- 14 authorize selective third party access to said organization-
- 15 generated source data and comprising data access control
- 16 means whereby only an authorized third party can access said
- 17 organization-generated/source data.

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- 19 Claim 37. A prescription management system according to
- 20 Claim 36 comprising an organization data access auditor,
- 21 said organization at access auditor generating an access
- 22 record logging in formation as to the time date and identity
- 23 of third parties accessing said organization-generated
- 24 source data to provide an organization data access audit
- 25 trail.

- Claim 38. A prescription management system according to 1
- Claim 2 comprising newly created prescription evaluation 2
- 3 means to evaluate a newly prescribed drug for system-known
- patient allergies or drug-to-drug interactions, or drug-to-4
- multiple drug interactions and absolute contraindications 5
- with currently prescribed drugs, as known to the system. 6

- Claim 39. A prescription management system according to 8
- Claim 2 comprising a drug alert/subsystem for communicating 9
- alerts relating to unfavorable/or cautionary characteristics 10
- of particular drugs wherein said alerts are associated with 11
- system information on the drug so that when a user calls up 12
- 13 the drug in question, they/receive the warning or alert, or
- other special message.

- Claim 40. A prescription management system according to
- Claim 39 wherein said Arug alert subsystem is operative to **17**
 - communicate drug withdrawal information to system users 18
 - electronically in real time or when said withdrawn drug is 19
 - selected for prescribing or a warning is posted directly to 20
 - 21 the prescription.

- 23 Claim 41. A prescription management system according to
- Claim 40 whereby a drug can be withdrawn from the market the 24
- 25 same day by making a system entry preventing completion of a
- 26 prescription for the withdrawn drug.

- Claim 42. A prescription management system according to 1
- Claim 40 wherein current users of/a drug or medication can 2
- be identified from prescription history records, referencing 3
- not only drugs prescribed, but also prescription expiry 4
- dates and both the patient and/their doctor are notified of 5
- said drug withdrawal optional fy for the physician via direct 6
- point-to-point electronic ma/il.

- A prescription /management system according to 9
- Claim 1 comprising onscreen electronic mail access to other
- users of said system, said electronic mail capability
- additionally being linked with said prescription creation
- function and enabling/a prescriber-user to append an
- electronic record to/a prescription or prescription-related
- record.

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- Claim 44. A prescription management system according to 17
- Claim 43 wherein said electronic mail provides a platform 18
- for accessing other artifidial intelligence and expert 19
- 20 systems and optionally providing linkage for transaction
- services such as the ordering and reviewing of scheduling 21
- and similar administrative functions. 22

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- Claim 45. A prescription management system according to 24
- 25 Claim 1
 - comprising a patient-selection subsystem whereby preliminary

- 1 selection of groups of patients can be made by providing
- 2 multiple patient lists selected from the group consisting of
- 3 "Today's Patients", "In-Patients", "Out-Patients", "Private
- 4 Patients" and others.

- 6 Claim 46. A prescription management system according to
- 7 Claim 45 wherein said patient lists are system-maintained,
- 8 on an ongoing basis, using the latest/data available to the
- 9 system and include intelligent patient selection means
- 10 enabling the user to select a convenient group of patients
- 11 that has a high probability of including the next patient or
- 12 patients to be encountered, thereby speeding access and
- 13 retrieval of a desired patient record.

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- 15 Claim 47. A prescription management system according to
- 16 Claim 1 comprising onscreen access to drug detail
- information as to indications, interactions, side effects
- 18 and precautions.

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- 20 Claim 48. A prescription management system according to
- 21 Claim 1 comprising a drug literature-retrieval subsystem to
- 22 retrieve drug -related /information across a network from a
- 23 remote heterogenous database for display to said user in
- 24 real time.

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26 Claim 49. A prescription management system according to

- 1 Claim 48 wherein said drug literature-retrieval subsystem
- 2 provides the user with an access point to/full disclosure
- and prescribing information on a selected drug and wherein
- 4 available said drug information is selected from the group
- 5 consisting of drug-treatment guidelines, one or more
- 6 literature references supporting said guidelines, details of
- 7 the particular conditions for which/a system-suggested
- 8 alternative drug has been found effective, adverse
- 9 conditions, preferred dosages and administration routes,
- 10 literature sources and other relevant drug-prescribing
- 11 information.
- 13 Claim 50. A prescription management system according to
- 14 Claim 49 wherein said drug/literature-retrieval subsystem is
- 15 operative to enable a physician, to have a hard or printed
- 16 copy, or other media form of relevant studies or literature
- 17 sent to them by onscreen selection, said onscreen selection
- 18 being system-communicated to a source for said study or
- 19 literature information.
- 21 Claim 51. A prescription management system according to
- 22 Claim 49 wherein said drug literature-retrieval subsystem is
- 23 operative to provide a simple nonintrusive technique for
- 24 bringing new drug information to physicians at a point of
- 25 care when creating a prescription.

- 1 Claim 52. A prescription management system according to
- 2 Claim 49 comprising an outcome study subsystem for selecting
- 3 outcome study participants by central / y maintaining patient-
- 4 directed patient-record-access specifications whereby the
- 5 system can include records of patients agreeable to becoming
- 6 study participants in such outcome studies pursuant to
- 7 indications in their patient-record-access specifications
- 8 optionally with output of said study data being controlled
- 9 to comply with access specifications of prescribers and
- 10 organizations having propriet ry rights thereto.
 - 12 Claim 53. A prescription management system according to
 - 13 Claim 1 comprising a new drug surveillance subsystem to
 - 14 conduct post introduction market surveillance of new drugs
 - 15 for adverse outcomes to the treatment of a specified
 - 16 condition or conditions with the newly introduced drug.
 - 18 Claim 54. A prescription management system according to
 - 19 Claim 53 wherein said new drug surveillance subsystem is
 - 20 operative to monitor patients reporting new problems after
 - 21 having been prescribed the new drug in question, refer such
 - 22 new problems to the physician user to qualify them for
 - 23 medical relevance and then statistically compare a
 - 24 collection of similar reports with data on a pool of
 - 25 similarly treated patients for significance.

A prescription management system according to

26 Claim 60.

Claim 1 wherein multiple physicians accessed by a patient

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utilize the system described herein, with common online
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      access to, and assembly of, a patient's prescription history
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      record whereby that record provides a/current record of new
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      prescriptions, then a common abuse can be controlled wherein
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      a patient presents a problem or condition to more than one
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      physician to obtain multiple prescriptions with a view to
       indulging in abusive ingestion or illicit resale.
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      Claim 61. A prescription management system according to
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       Claim 1 wherein the system also provides, for example in the
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       patient's history record, notification from a pharmacy, or
       from a drug benefit plan Ainked to the pharmacy, of
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       fulfillment of a prescription, and that information is
available to the prescriber, for example from the patients'
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       history record, another common abuse wherein a patient
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       pleads loss of a prescription to obtain a duplicate, can
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       also be prevented.
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       Claim 62. A prescription management system according to
      Claim 1 wherein the system also provides, for example in the
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       patient's history record, notification from a pharmacy, or
       from a drug benefit plan linked to the pharmacy, of
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       fulfillment of a prescription, and that information is
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       available to the prescriber, for example from the patients'
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history record, wherein a patient's failure to have a

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prescription fulfilled indicating discontinuance of the
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       prescribed therapy can be monitored and possibly corrected.
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       Claim 63. A prescription produced by the /system of claim 1
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       output in a form selected from the group consisting of
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       electronic, paper, digitized voice and/fax.
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       Claim 64. A prescription management system for electronic
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       prescription creation by a prescriber at a point of patient
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       care, said prescription being usable by a pharmacist to
       dispense drugs, said prescription management system
       comprising electronic posting means to select and capture in
       said prescription:
              i) a patient identifief;
             ii) a prescribed drug;
            iii) a dosage for said prescribed drug; and
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             iv) a patient condit/ion intended by said prescriber to
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                 be mitigated by said prescribed drug.
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                  A prescription management system according to
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       Claim 65.
       Claim 64 further comprising an onscreen drug selection
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       procedure having a patient condition list specifying
       multiple possible patient conditions, having a drug list
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       specifying multiple possible prescribable drugs and having
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       drug specification means to select and post a desired drug
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       to said prescription;
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wherein drugs in said drug list are classified according to
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       a patient condition for which said drugs have efficacy and
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       said onscreen drug selection procedure Lists multiple drugs
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       for treating each said patient problem,
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       Claim 66. A prescription management/system according to
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       Claim 64 comprising drug formulary information being a
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       selected list of drugs being preferred for prescribing by a
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       drug benefit provider to said pat/ent.
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       Claim 67. In combination, a host computer facility and a
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       prescription management system//according to claim 64
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       implemented on said host competer facility said host
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       computer facility supporting/network delivery of user-
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       relevant components of said/prescription management system
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       to multiple remote user interface devices and providing data
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       and communications resourdes for users to draw upon
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       employing said interface devices.
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      Claim 68. A combination/according to claim 67 wherein said
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      host computer facility can communicate with multiple
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      heterogenous remote da tabases to retrieve complementary data
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      elements from said dakabases and comprises:
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        i) a dynamic record assembly procedure for online assembly
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           of a data record from said complementary data elements;
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           and
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1	ii) a user-device communication procedure to deliver said
2	dynamically assembled record to a calling user-
3	interface device as an integral fata component of said
4	prescription management system.
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6	Claim 69. A professional product specification system for
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8	a professional to specify technical products said product
9	specification system comprising
10	a) electronic posting means to select and capture in said
11	prescription:
12	i) a customer identiffer;
13	ii) a specified product; and
14	iii) product specifications; and
15	b) an onscreen product selection procedure having a
16	product benefit list specifying multiple possible
= 17	customer benefits having a product list specifying
18	multiple possible specifiable products and having
19	product specification means to select and post a
20	desired product to said specification;
21	wherein products in said product list are classified
22	according to a customer-useful technical purpose attainable
23	with said products and said onscreen product selection
24	procedure lists multiple products for providing each said
25	customer benefit
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